

Positive mid-term evaluation of Centres for Environment-friendly Energy Research

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The eight initial Centres for Environment-friendly Energy Research (FME) received high marks from the panel of international experts that evaluated them half-way through their period of operation. There are, however, several areas where there is room for improvement.

After four years of operation, the first eight FME centres are on their way to attaining a high level of international scientific standing, and have at the same time enhanced cooperation on research on environment-friendly energy in Norway and abroad. The centres have published internationally recognised results and have played a major role in training researchers, research managers and leaders for the companies of tomorrow in the areas of solar energy, offshore wind energy, CCS, bioenergy and zero-emissions buildings.

The panel writes: “We believe that in the long run, fluctuations in energy policy and the economy notwithstanding, the FME scheme has the potential to develop very important applications to the benefit of Norwegian society and industry.”

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